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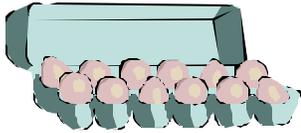
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to lower. In Florida and Ohio, prices were lower. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was mixed, light to fairly good; mostly moderate, with better movement centering around the occasional retail feature. Supplies were usually adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock supplies were generally adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC SHELL** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 3 cents lower for the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents lower for mediums, when based on previous week average prices. Prices were unchanged in Boston and New England. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to fairly good, best where featured. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock supplies from regular suppliers were adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were adequate for current slaughter schedules.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to fairly good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced.

**CHICAGO** Prices were unchanged. The market tone steady. Demand into all outlets light to moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings adequate to fully adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices into major Ohio cities were unchanged to slightly lower, balance of prices were unchanged from Friday's prices. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive movement in a full range, light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance with reports of additional inquiry for nest run product. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings of breaking stock were in balance with breakers current needs. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Trade sentiment about steady.

**SOUTHERN** In Florida, prices were lower. In Atlanta and elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady at current values. Demand was fairly good entering the week. Supplies were usually adequate to well cleared, with the medium sizes often in the better position. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending January 28, 2000, was 51.82 cents, 9.42 cents less than the week before, and 33.42 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to ample for the light demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter requirements.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last Monday with California down 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 15%. Retailer demand fair. Offerings adequate.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	95-97	85-87	59-61
New York	57-59	54-57	48-51
Philadelphia	55-57	53-55	47-48
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	42-43
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	51-52
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	55-68	52-66	45-59
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	46-51	45-50	40-45
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	37-42
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	40-47
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	63-65	57-60	49-53
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	83	76	73
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 11% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand fair. Offerings adequate. Small invoice price 53. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 89-129, 18 pack 159.

**PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	RANGE
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	83
LARGE	76
MEDIUM	73

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	229-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	199-239
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-219
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	139-179

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 04, 2000 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 28, 2000 were 276,194 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 6 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	239,148	37,046	276,194
% change from the prior week.....	-2	0	-2

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Most breakers were reporting offerings of additional product in line with current needs. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Trade sentiment about steady to cautiously steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	24-26
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	9-12
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI	

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were generally unchanged from the previous week. Demand was moderate for in balance offerings from production outlets. Some cancellations were noted due to winter storm. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8.5-19.5	10-13	11.45

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderately good for adequate but reduced offerings. The undertone was usually no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JAN-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-16	8-11	10.48
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Jan 31, 2000  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.2	9.3	5.3	9.9	38.6
	Change	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.2	27.1	5.9	18.8	88.4
	Change	-4.9	-3.6	-3.9	-3.4	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	35.9	55.9	36.3	52.4	257.4
	Change	-7.0	-26.9	-12.7	-4.6	-18%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.7	32.0	15.4	14.0	88.9
	Change	-2.5	-4.4	1.3	-2.3	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	6.1	1.7	5.2	22.8
	Change	-1.5	1.1	0.1	1.7	4%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	13.1	6.8	10.5	41.0
	Change	0.1	-4.5	0.4	-2.3	-14%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.4	83.1	8.0	27.3	195.5
	Change	-7.0	14.9	-2.4	-4.1	3%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	111.1	226.6	79.4	138.1	732.6
	Change	-17%	-9%	-18%	-10%	-10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	732.6	-10%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	433.5	-3%	40
Total Shell Egg	1166.1	-8%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168.0 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.  
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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.  
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**CANADIAN EGGS NOT AVAILABLE**

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 28, 2000

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
27.00							20.50							47.50						
CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG				DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	—	—	31.00	33.00	33.29	—	16.00	GNR W 1	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00			
GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	29.00	—	5.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.50	1.00				
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	45.25	—	—	—	—	—	1.75				
GL W J	—	—	48.50	50.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	—	43.00	—	—	—	—	43.00	4.75				
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	38.75	—	3.25	GL W MD	26.33	—	—	—	—	—	32.33	3.00				
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	34.70	36.00	6.75													
GL W MD	—	—	—	32.00	28.00	—	2.50													
GL W SM 20.25	21.75	20.00	21.50	—	—	—	4.00													
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00													
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/22/00-01/28/00

CURRENT LOADS							FUTURE LOADS							TOTAL LOADS						
154.00							57.25							211.25						
CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC		NW		SW		LOADS			
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG				DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST					
GNR W 1	31.50	32.00	31.10	33.70	32.79	39.00	43.00	GNR W 1	—	38.47	—	—	—	—	—	—	15.00			
GNR W 2	—	33.00	28.00	29.50	29.00	—	6.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	37.50	1.00				
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	22.22	24.00	12.00	GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00				
GNR BR 1	61.00	—	55.00	62.00	—	—	5.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00				
GL W J	—	—	48.50	50.00	40.50	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00				
GL W XL	—	38.69	38.00	38.67	35.76	38.00	18.25	GL W XL	34.29	41.48	—	—	—	—	44.80	12.25				
GL W LG	—	37.88	26.75	33.00	33.24	36.00	30.75	L W LG	28.64	43.00	—	—	34.00	39.16	20.25					
GL W MD	—	33.13	25.67	29.81	29.58	—	20.50	GL W MD	26.24	—	—	34.00	—	31.71	9.50					
GL W SM 20.19	21.69	20.33	22.08	—	—	—	10.00	GL BR LG	58.00	—	—	—	—	62.00	1.00					
GL BR XL	—	60.00	64.00	68.00	—	—	1.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	34.75	—	—	6.00					
GL BR LG	—	66.00	62.00	68.00	—	—	4.25													
GL BR MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50													
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00													
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.67	30.00	24.78	24.19	32.50													
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	17.50	4.00													
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00													

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 01/16/00 - 01/22/00**

Origin State	AR	AZ	CO	IN	IA	MI	MN	MO	OH	OR	PA	UT	VA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	0	1,565	0	0	0	0	2,722	0	770	0	5,057
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	350
S. CA	2,492	1,550	3,248	1,726	9,629	860	10,240	1,600	11,284	0	2,370	650	0	45,649
TTL STATE	2,492	1,550	3,248	1,726	11,194	860	10,240	1,600	11,284	2,722	2,370	1,420	350	51,056

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	76-79	66-69	40-43	11-14

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-54	42-48	40-45	34-39	25-29

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-28	22-24	15-17

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
60.32	57.53	43.18

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	1/24/00	1/17/00	1/25/99
PACIFIC COAST	76	109	76
LOS ANGELES	0	0	118

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR JANUARY 25,2000:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland: 1/16/00-1/22/00  
30-dozen cases 2,833

Receipts from the mainland: 1/9/00-1/15/00  
30-dozen cases 3,593

**CHICKENS AND EGGS**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.27 billion during December 1999, up 3 percent from the 7.05 billion produced in 1998. Production included 6.19 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 1999 averaged 329 million, up 2 percent from the total average number of layers during December 1998. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,213 eggs, up 1 percent from 2,190 eggs in December 1998.

All layers in the U.S. on January 1, 2000 totaled 328 million, up 2 percent from a year ago. The 328 million layers consisted of 270 million layers producing table or commercial type eggs, 55.6 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 1999, averaged 70.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from the 70.3 a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.84 billion eggs during December, up 3 percent from December 1998. The average number of layers during December, at 309 million, was up 2 percent from a year earlier.

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